

Oak Grove, KY, and Clarksville, TN, created this fund-raising initiative to help the families of deployed soldiers from Fort Campbell.

The communities surrounding Fort Campbell have a long tradition of supporting the more than 20,000 soldiers and their families of the 101st Airborne Division and the other units stationed at Fort Campbell. Troops from Fort Campbell have played a vital role in the war against terrorism in Afghanistan and around the world. As thousands of troops and tons of machinery and equipment depart Fort Campbell for the Middle East, it is important that Americans not forget the sacrifices of the families that the men and women of our Armed Forces leave behind.

Local businesses and citizens in Kentucky and Tennessee founded Operation Eagle's Nest with the goal of raising at least \$1 million as a contingency fund to be used as needed at the base. The local citizens are excited about the initiative and the opportunity to once again show our soldiers and their families how much they appreciate the sacrifices they make for our great Nation. The Fort Campbell soldiers deployed in the Middle East feel at ease with the confidence that their families are supported by local citizens.

For Campbell Division Commander MG David Petraeus recently praised "not just the monetary support but the symbolism of our communities coming together for the families." He is absolutely correct. The soldiers of Fort Campbell are heroically doing their part in the war on terror and the local citizens of Hopkinsville, Oak Grove, and Clarksville are graciously doing theirs. This is exactly what President Bush meant when he stated that all Americans must do their part in the war on terror.●

#### TRIBUTE TO STATE SENATOR ALVIN PENN

● Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to the life and career of Connecticut State Senator Alvin Penn, who died an untimely death on Friday, February 14, at the age of 54.

Alvin was a passionate and principled fighter who sought to give people of all races and backgrounds the equal opportunity that is every American's birthright. Through difficult times, he never wavered in serving his beloved city of Bridgeport. And those of us who were blessed to know him will always remember him as a larger than life human being with a generous spirit and sharp and unsinkable sense of humor.

As chairman of the State senate's public safety committee, Senator Penn banned the insidious practice of racial profiling and improved the State's witness protection program. Thanks to Senator Penn's work on this committee and others, Bridgeport has better schools, safer streets, and more

prosperous neighborhoods than it did a decade ago.

The city of Bridgeport and the state of Connecticut, of course, still have their share of troubles—but Alvin never gave up, never let the steepness of the hill stop him from trying to climb. He understood that to get to the mountaintop, you must keep going up.

That is what he did. State Senator Penn did not take orders from special interests or party bosses. He listened to, and did what was right for, the people he served. Eight years ago, Alvin met with Gov. John Rowland, and told the Governor, "You're a Republican from Waterbury and I'm a Democrat from Bridgeport. We understand the issues of our urban communities." He pledged to work together—and his word was good.

The city of Bridgeport will always hold State Senator Penn close to its heart. He is a part of its history, its present, and will be a part of its future. There is not yet an Alvin Penn memorial in Bridgeport—though there may someday be. For now, his legacy, and his memorial, is in every school and business and church, and every citizen on every street corner in the city he loved to serve.●

#### HONORING PATRICK S. LeROY

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I have the privilege and honor today of recognizing Patrick S. LeRoy of Louisville, Kentucky. Earlier this month, Patrick was honored by the Muscular Dystrophy Association as the 2003 Kentucky State Goodwill Ambassador.

Patrick is a special child with a special condition and unique opportunity to share his story with thousands of people. Each day he lives with Duchenne muscular dystrophy. Symptoms of this disease include increasing muscle weakness in the body, concentrated mainly in the arms and legs.

Nevertheless, Patrick does not allow this condition to limit his daily activities. In fact, this 8 year old is more active than most people his age, and even adults. Currently, Patrick is a second grader at Coral Ridge Elementary in Fairdale. When not studying his favorite subjects, math and science, this young man enjoys swimming, participating in karate class, and he also shares my passion for the game of baseball. In addition to his participation in athletics, Patrick also develops his artistic abilities through drawing.

What sets Patrick apart from other children is not his health condition but his willingness to make a difference by speaking with people about muscular dystrophy, helping to remove a stigma that stems from lack of knowledge. Being selected as the Kentucky ambassador will give Patrick a valuable opportunity to encourage public support and education of this disease. Please join me in congratulating Patrick S. LeRoy and wishing him the best of luck in his new position of 2003 Kentucky State Goodwill Ambassador.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### PERIODIC REPORT ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS PAYMENTS MADE TO CUBA PURSUANT TO TREASURY DEPARTMENT SPECIFIC LICENSES—PM20

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

As required by section 1705(e)(6) of the Cuban Democracy Act of 1992, as amended by section 102(g) of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996, 22 U.S.C. 6004(e)(6), I transmit herewith a semi-annual report prepared by my Administration detailing payments made to Cuba by United States persons as a result of the provision of telecommunications services pursuant to Department of the Treasury specific licenses.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, March 5, 2003.

#### MEASURE HELD AT THE DESK

The following concurrent resolution was ordered held at the desk by unanimous consent:

S. Con. Res. 13. Concurrent resolution condemning the selection of Libya to chair the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, and for other purposes.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-1391. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "West Virginia Regulatory Program (WV-088-FOR)" received on February 27, 2003; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1392. A communication from the Deputy Congressional Liaison, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Regulation T (Credit by Brokers and Dealers): Revision to the semiannual List of Foreign Margin Stocks"